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SUBJ: SITREP--- VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG

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1. MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES-- OVER THE WEEKEND , 40 VIETNAMESE
REGUGEES LEFT FOR FRANCE AND 37 FOR CANADA, WHILE FIVE WERE
ALLOWED TO ENTER HONG KONG LEGALLY FOR RESIDENCE AND ONE WAS
GRANTED TEMPORARY VISITOR'S STAY IN HONG KONG. THUS, THE
TOTAL REMAINING IN HK IMMIGRATION DETENTION IS 3,645. TO
DATE, OF THOSE WHO WERE IN HK IMMIGRATION, 90 HAVE GONE TO
CANADA, 76 TO GUAM , 52 TO FRANCE, 3 TO AUSTRALIA, ONE TO
TAIWAN, AND 39 HAVE BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION TO REMAIN IN
HONG KONG. AN ADDITIONAL TRHREE ARE IN HONG KONG TEMPORARILY
AS VISITORS.

2. PTENTIAL MOVEMENT --- ACCORDING TO HKG, FRANCE HAS PROMISED
TO TAKE UP TO 700 REGUTEES FROM HONG KONG, CANADA IS PLANNING
ON ABOUT 500, DENMARK AND THE UK WILL TAKE 100 EACH, BELGIUM
HAS 22 WITH IMMEIDATE RELATIVES LIVING IN BELGIUM, AND
HONG KONG PLANS TO ABSORB ABOUT 200. THE CANADIANS HAVE
INFORMED US THAT THEY HAVE USED ONLY 54 OF THE UNSPONSORED
NUMBERS THUS FAR. THEY COMPLAIN OF THE LACK OF "MINIMAL
SELECTION CRITERIA" AMONG THE REGUGEES AND CLAIM THAT SOME
ALREADY SELECTED REALLY DO NOT POSSESS MARKETABLE SKILLS IN
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CANADA.

3. HONG KONG PROBLEMS -- UK PROMISES OF HK\$240,000 FOR THE CARE AND MAINTANCE OF REFUGGES CURRENTLY IN HONG KONG AND INDICATIONS OF FUTHER UK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN HELPFUL TO HKG. HKG, HOWEVER, IS NOW PRIMARILY CONCERNED ABOUT 500 REFUGEES STILL LIVING IN TENTS AS RAINS HAVE ALREADY BECOME A PROBLEM AND THE TYPHOON SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING. ANOTHER PROBME IS SECURITY. SEVERAL SMALL GROUPS OF REFUGEES HAVE ALREADY EITHER SCALLED FENCES OR ALLEGEDLY BRIBED GUARDS TO GET OUT OF THE CAMPS AND SEE THE SIGHTS OF HONG KONG. ALL OF THESE HAVE THUS FAR BEEN RETURNED TO THE CAMPS BUT HKG FEARS THAT AN EXTENDED STAY IN THE CAMPS WILL CAUSE SOME REFUGEES, PARTICULARY THE EX-ARVN SOLDIERS, TO BECOME RESTIVE.

4. INS HAS COMPLETED ITS SCREENING OF THE REFUGEES AND HAS FOUND THAT ABOUT 900 FIT THE CRITERIA FOR ENTERING THE US . INS IS UNABLE TO RELEASE PAROLE DOCUMENTS TO ICEM FOR ARRANGEMENT OF ONWARD TRAVEL, HOWEVER, UNTIL THE RESIDENT ALIEN OR CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF RELATIVES, USG EMPLOYMENT OF REUGEES OR PRESENCE OF REFUGEE RELATIVES IN GUAM AND/OR US IS VERIFIED. INS HONG KONG IS NOW PREPARING LISTS REQUESTING VERIFICATION OF THESE RELATIONSHIPS. ADDITONALLY , INS IS PREPARING FORM LETTERS, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF INS CENTRAL OFFICE, TO CLAIMED RELATIVES IN US REQUESTING THAT THEY VISIT INS OFFICES IN THE US TO VERIFY THE RELATIONSHIP AND PROCESS NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION.

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